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Mr. Ted Matley
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Dear Mr Matley:

Re: Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)
for the Honolulu High-Capacity Transit Project

The draft Environmental Impact Statement for the city's rail transit project is unacceptable because it is written solely for a steel wheel on steel rail system. There are other forms of fixed rail that may be better and more cost-effective than steel wheels on steel rails. Using other technologies, it may be possible to build the entire system for the same cost as steel-on-steel, thereby further mitigating the current environmental problems associated with lack of a mass transit system.

To build a system that costs more and delivers less, as would be the case with steel-on-steel, would adversely affect Oahu quality of life for many years to come.

Please rewrite this EIS to cover the other technologies, such as monorail and maglev, to ensure that the city will obtain the best transit system at the best price.

Very truly yours,

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